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Referred to Committee on HIGHER EDUCATION AND
EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT

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**AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET
RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING HIGHER EDUCATION.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 10a-173 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
3 *1, 2017*):

4 (b) The state, acting through the Office of Higher Education, shall
5 establish the Governor's Scholarship program to annually make need-
6 based financial aid available for eligible educational costs for
7 Connecticut residents enrolled at Connecticut's public and
8 independent institutions of higher education as full-time or part-time
9 undergraduate students beginning with new or transfer students in the
10 fiscal year ending June 30, 2014. On and after July 1, 2016, said
11 program shall be known as the "Roberta B. Willis Scholarship

12 program". Any award made to a student in the fiscal year ending June
13 30, 2013, under the capitol scholarship grant program, established
14 under section 10a-169 of the general statutes, revision of 1958, revised
15 to January 1, 2013, the Connecticut aid to public college students grant
16 program, established under section 10a-164a of the general statutes,
17 revision of 1958, revised to January 1, 2013, Connecticut aid to Charter
18 Oak, established under subsection (c) of section 10a-164a of the general
19 statutes, revision of 1958, revised to January 1, 2013, or the Connecticut
20 independent college student grant program, established under section
21 10a-36 of the general statutes, revision of 1958, revised to January 1,
22 2013, shall be offered under the Roberta B. Willis Scholarship program
23 and be renewable for the life of the original award, provided such
24 student meets and continues to meet the need and academic standards
25 established for purposes of the program under which such student
26 received the original award. For purposes of administering the
27 scholarship, the Office of Higher Education may solicit and accept for
28 use any gift of money or property made by will or otherwise, and any
29 grant of money, services or property from the federal government, the
30 state or any political subdivision thereof or any private source, and do
31 all things necessary to cooperate with the federal government or any of
32 its agencies in making an application for any grant.

33 Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 10a-8 of the general statutes is
34 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
35 *1, 2017*):

36 (a) The provisions of sections 4-77 and 4-78 shall not apply to the
37 constituent units of the state system of higher education, and for the
38 purposes of said sections only, the Board of Regents for Higher
39 Education shall be deemed the budgeted agency for the Connecticut
40 State University System, the regional community-technical college
41 system and Charter Oak State College. The Board of Regents for
42 Higher Education shall develop a formula or program-based
43 budgeting system to be used by each institution in preparing operating
44 budgets. The Board of Regents for Higher Education shall prepare a

45 single budget request itemized by the Connecticut State University
46 System, the regional community-technical college system and Charter
47 Oak State College using the formula or program-based budgeting
48 system and shall submit such budget request displaying all operating
49 funds to the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management in
50 accordance with sections 4-77 and 4-78, subject to procedures
51 developed by the Board of Regents for Higher Education and
52 approved by said secretary. The budget request shall set forth, in the
53 form prescribed by the Board of Regents for Higher Education, a
54 proposed expenditure plan which shall include: (1) The total amount
55 requested for such appropriation account; (2) the amount to be
56 appropriated from the General Fund; and (3) the amount to be paid
57 from the tuition revenues of the regional community-technical college
58 system and the Connecticut State University System. After review and
59 comment by the Board of Regents for Higher Education, the proposed
60 expenditure plans shall be incorporated into the single public higher
61 education budget request including recommendations, if any, by said
62 board. Any tuition increase proposed by the regional community-
63 technical college system and the Connecticut State University System
64 for the fiscal year to which the budget request relates shall be included
65 in the single public higher education budget request submitted by the
66 Board of Regents for Higher Education for such fiscal year, provided if
67 the General Assembly does not appropriate the amount requested by
68 any such system, such system may increase tuition and fees by an
69 amount greater than that included in the budget request in response to
70 which the appropriation was made. [The General Assembly shall make
71 appropriations directly to the constituent units.] Allotment reductions
72 made pursuant to the provisions of subsections (b) and (c) of section 4-
73 85 shall be applied by the Board of Regents for Higher Education
74 among the appropriations to the constituent units without regard to
75 the limitations on reductions provided in said section, except that said
76 limitations shall apply to the total of the amounts appropriated. The
77 Board of Regents for Higher Education shall apply such reductions
78 after consultation with the Secretary of the Office of Policy and

79 Management. Any reductions of more than five per cent of the
80 appropriations of any constituent units shall be submitted to the
81 appropriations committee which shall, within thirty days, approve or
82 reject such reduction.

83 Sec. 3. Sections 10a-19g and 10a-19h of the general statutes are
84 repealed. (*Effective July 1, 2017*)

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2017</i>	10a-173(b)
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2017</i>	10a-8(a)
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2017</i>	Repealer section

Statement of Purpose:

To implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]